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A former student of the Highway Construction Careers Training Program finalizes work on a concrete project.

Free SSC Highway Construction Careers Training Program to Begin in February

OAK FOREST, IL—South Suburban College (SSC) is preparing for the next round of its free Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP). Registration for 2022 spring training is currently open. Orientation and assessment testing will take place between January 11, 2022 and January 13, 2022. The program will begin on February 7, 2022 and will run daily, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A goal of the SSC HCCTP is to increase the number of minorities, women and disadvantaged individuals working in Illinois highway construction. The HCCTP is funded through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), thus allowing the program to be free. While enrolled, students will be paid a stipend for each full hour of training completed.

SSC has offered the HCCTP since 2014. Those who finish the short-term, 12-week program are equipped with numerous skills that can lead to employment opportunities in the trades with high income potential. Career opportunities for program completers include but are not limited to: electrician, pipefitter, carpenter, laborer and equipment operator.

Applicants are required to provide a valid driver's license. They must also be 18 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, an interest in working in the trades, and successfully pass a drug screening (including THC). The application process begins at the mandatory one-hour informational orientation followed directly by assessment testing.

For more information, or to register, visit www.ssc.edu/hcctp or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 3219. All orientation and assessment testing will be held at SSC's Oak Forest Center, located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois. Temperature checks, masks and social distancing are required on campus. Para información en Español, llame (708) 210-5740.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and the participating community colleges do not guarantee employment upon trainees' graduation from the Highway Construction Careers Training Program.

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